¶ By the King.

¶ A Proclamation for the continuing of Farthing-Tokens.

FOraſmuch as ſince the publiſhing of Our third Proclamation giuen at Royſton, the ſixe and twentieth day of October 1615. eſtabliſhing the continuance of Our Farthing-Tokens, and prohibiting the vſe of all, or any other Tokens whatſoeuer; Wee are informed, That diuers Chandlers and other Tradeſmen doe continue the making, vſe and vtterance of their vnlawfull Tokens of lead, braſſe, or other mettall, or matter contrary to Our Command by ſeuerall Proclamations formerly declared, and in contempt of Our Royal commandement, and in derogation of Our Prerogatiue Royal, pretending to be ſurcharged with Our Farthing-tokens for want of a due rechange of them into ſterling money, which by Our former Proclamation was limitted but for one yeere onely, for the intent of the better diſtributing of Our ſaide Farthing-tokens; And whereas the ſaide Chandlers and other Tradeſmen, to whoſe hands the greateſt quantitie of Tokens are brought, haue alſo alleadged, that the iſſuing of our ſaid Farthing-tokens from the Makers at the rate of one and twentie ſhillings in Tokens, for twentie ſhillings in Sterling money, did breed an inconuenience and a further ſurcharge vnto them, in that many for the gaine of that twelue pence in twentie ſhillings, would take Our ſaide Tokens by great ſummes, and ſo with the ſame and ſome money pay handy-craftſmen for their labour at the Weekes end: Wee (intending to remooue the neglects, abuſes, and inconueniences aforeſaid, and that euerie perſon may be left without all excuſe, if againe they ſhould preſume to infringe our Royall commandement); Doe by theſe preſents publiſh and declare Our Royall Will and pleaſure, that all points and Articles contained in Our ſaid former Proclamations be duely in all things obſerued, performed and kept; and that the further vſe of the ſaid leaden Tokens, and all or any other Tokens whatſoeuer made or vſed within our Realms of England and Ireland, and Dominion of Wales, bee from henceforth vtterly ſuppreſſed and aboliſhed: And that Our Farthing-tokens formerly by theſe preſents authorized ſhall continue and be without any alteration of the ſtampe, or print now vſed, according to the intent of our ſaid former Proclamations. And futhermore our Royall Will and pleaſure is; That from henceforth (in the iſſuing of our ſaid Farthing-tokens) there be giuen but only twentie ſhillings in Farthing-tokens for twentie ſhillings in Sterling moneys, and that there bee eſtabliſhed a continuall rechange for them within our Citie of London, where Our ſaid Tokens ſhall bee iſſued, that all Tradeſmen and others receiuing the ſaid Tokens for Sterling money may at all conuenient times, haue in like manner Sterling money for our Farthing-tokens, deliuering in exchange one and twentie ſhillings in Tokens for twentie ſhillings of Sterling money, according to the intent of our firſt Proclamation, bearing date the nineteenth daie of May, in the eleuenth yeere of Our Reigne of Great Brittaine, France, and Ireland. And therefore wee doe ſtraitly prohibite and forbid as aforeſaid, all and euery perſon and perſons whatſoeuer, aſwell to vſe, receiue, or keepe any Tokens whatſoeuer, other then Our ſaid Farthing-tokens, as alſo to make and counterfeit our ſaid Farthing-tokens, or the Engines or Inſtruments whereby they are made, or to bee made, vpon paine of condigne puniſhment for their offences in contempt of our Commandement, and in derogation of our Prerogatiue Royall: Straitly charging, and commanding all and ſingular Maiors, Juſtices of the Peace, Sheriffes, Bailiffes, Conſtables, Headboroughes, and all other Officers and miniſters to whom it ſhall or may appertaine, to doe their vttermoſt endeuors, for the diſcouery and ſearching out of all offences, and offendors, againſt this our Royall Commandement, and for the due execution and performance of the Premiſſes.

Giuen at Our Manour of Theobaldes, the ſeuenteenth day of March, in the fourteenth yeere of Our Raigne of England, France and Ireland, and of Scotland, the Fiftieth.

God ſaue the King.

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